DEMOCRATIC ECONOMY.

A determined fight is being made in the House of Representatives, on the Democratic side, against appropriations of money for the construction of public buildings. On the days set apart for the consideration of the Public Buildings bill the Democrats have systematically filibustered, thus wasting the time of the House and practically defeating all legislation in regard to such buildings, no matter how much they may be needed.

Ostensibly there is but a small minority engaged in this work, but it is thoroughy well understood that it is the policy of the leaders of the Democracy in the House to prevent such legislation. It is an attempt on their part to adhere to what they are pleased to call economy of the public money, in order that they may go before the people in the present campaign and claim to have saved the people's money for the people and to have prevented wastful extravagance, which of course they will seek to lay at the door of the Republicans.

Inasmuch as this cry of economy has been the favorite boast of the Democratic party ever since it got possession of the House of Representatives, in the month of December 1879, it may be of interest to look into the figures of national expediture a little, to see whether the claim of Democratic economy in the administration of national affairs has any foundation in fact. The tables which are given are taken from the Statistical Abstract, a publication issued under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and therefore reliable.

The first table embraces the "Miscellaneous Expenditures" from 1877 to 1886 inclusive, and is as follows: Cents are omitted. e 50 096 509

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We call especial attention to the rhythmic character of these figures, the ebb and flow, as it were, of Democratic expenditure, asking the reader to bear in mind that the edd-numbered years are the off years in politics, in which there are no Congressional elections, and to note the difference between the expenditures in the political years and the off years. The political or even numbered years run, in round numbers of millions, 53, 54, 57, 70 and 74; while the off years ruz 58, 65, 64, 68 and 87. The increase, too, from \$58,000,000 in 1887 to \$87,000,000 in 1885, is also to be considered as materially affecting the Democratic claim of econ-

Let us take another set of figures, that of "Net Ordinary Expedenditures," to see if that will bear out the theory of Democratic economy. As before, it covers the period from 1877 to 1886 inclusive:

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From \$144,000,000 in 1877 to \$206,000,000 in 1883, and \$208,-000,000 in 1885 is such an increase as scarcely lends aid and comfort to the pretensions of an economical administration of the Government.

These are not a quarter of the figures which might be given; but they are enough to show that when a Democratic House prates of economy, and refuses to consent to appropriations for public buildings on the score of care for the interests of the people, it is clearly guilty of obtaining public confidence and esteem on false pretenses .- San Francisco Chronicle.

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